

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1240 - HB 1133

March 3, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the academic year to be measured by hours instead of days, with a total of 1,300 hours and not more than 200 days, and with 1,170 hours and no more than 180 days used for classroom instruction. Defines “year-round school” as a school in which students receive eight or less weeks of summer vacation. Requires local education agencies (LEAs) and all schools receiving state funding to commence the academic year no later than the fourth Monday in August beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year, unless the school is operating on a year-round calendar. Authorizes LEAs, that canceled school more than 10 days annually for the prior five years due to inclement weather, natural disaster, or illness, to begin their academic years before the fourth Monday in August. Exempts public charter schools from the above academic-year requirements. Directs the Commissioner of Education to establish annual testing dates that will provide LEAs with sufficient time to schedule needed instructional hours, in compliance with all applicable federal law.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Some LEAs may choose to lengthen their school day so that the total number of academic instructional days is shorter.
- Any cost savings as a result of decreasing expenditures for facility operations, transportation, and other operational expenditures is estimated to be not significant because other expenditures, including overtime pay for personnel, may increase. Any net change in local expenditures will be not significant.
- No impact on the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.
- Any fiscal impact as a result of changing the start day for the academic year beginning in FY14-15 is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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